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Public Notice:
Proposed No Further Action Determination

Betco Petroleum
(Central Valley Water Board Case No. 500500)
632 Ninth Street
Turlock, Stanislaus County, CA

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment regarding the intent to grant regulatory closure for the leaking underground storage tank (UST) case at the former Betco Petroleum (Betco) facility, located at 632 Ninth Street in Turlock, California (Site). The Site is located at the intersection of Lander Avenue and Ninth Street in a mixed-use area of commercial and residential properties. Betco Petroleum operated an automobile gas station and bulk fuel facility at the Site from approximately 1970 to the mid-1990s. In April of 2000, Betco removed eight USTs from the Site. Soil contamination was encountered beneath two of the USTs and beneath the fuel dispensers on the west side of the Site. Between 2001 and 2008, 14 shallow wells were installed to approximately 20 feet below ground surface (ft bgs) to monitor gasoline and diesel impacts to shallow groundwater beneath the Site.

Following purchase of the property in 2008 by the current owner, RJ Company, LLC (RJ Company), RJ Company installed seven injection wells and injected an amended carbohydrate solution in 2010 to remediate petroleum-impacted groundwater. Monitoring performed between 2010 and 2011 suggested a limited reduction in hydrocarbon concentrations in groundwater beneath the Site.

Due to declining groundwater levels between 2011 and 2014, RJ Company installed 4 deeper groundwater monitoring wells to approximately 33 ft bgs in October 2020. Only low levels of petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations in groundwater were reported from these wells between 2020 and 2021.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed a request for regulatory closure of the Site made by RJ Company in their 15 September 2021 *Low Threat Closure Evaluation and Request for Closure* and, based on data collected from the Site to date, believe there is merit to this request. A 60-day public participation comment period has been established to allow interested parties to comment on the proposed case closure. This Public Notice is being provided to you because your property, place of residence, or work is located within **500 feet** of the affected area shown on the included map. After **9 February 2022**, Central Valley Water Board staff intends to complete its closure review process and close this former leaking UST case.

Public Comment Period: 9 February 2022 through 15 April 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information is available on the [State Water Resources Control Board's Geotracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) and the case file, which is available for review at the Central Valley Water Board office in Rancho Cordova. To make an appointment for a file review, please call (916) 464-3291.

Please contact Jeremy Hughes with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions regarding any of the information in this Public Notice, associated case, or proposed No Further Action determination at:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain additional information using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3291 regarding the proposed "No Further Action" determination for these Sites.

Figure 1
Site Layout and Monitoring Well Locations



Source: May 11, 2021 *Report of Third Quarter 2021 Groundwater Monitoring and Request for Regulatory Site Closure*, R J Company, LLC (available on the GeoTracker website).